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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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<u>TOTAL CLAIMS</u> <u>(37 CFR 1.16(c))</u>	minus 20 =	*
<u>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</u> <u>(37 CFR 1.16(b))</u>	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		(37 CFR 1.16(d))

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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	Minus	*** 3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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+ \$ ____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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